Fast Forward Program

Family Questions

How do I sign up for the program? All 11th and 12th students are able to take advantage of the Fast Forward Program. To utilize program funds, a student must register through the Advanced Opportunities portal. Each school district will have information on how to do access the portal.

My student qualifies for additional aid beyond the Fast Forward Program funding. Which aid should be used first? The student should always utilize funding from outside grants and scholarships first. Once these sources have been exhausted, Fast Forward Program funding can be used.

How can students prepare to maximize the potential of earning postsecondary credits in high school? It is critical that a student carefully plans postsecondary goals and discuss these with their parents and school counselor, reflected by the individual 4 year learning plan. Two simple pieces of advice will prepare students for success: 1.) Choose a path of study and stick to it (general university requirements are a good place to start). 2) Commit to doing the best work in dual credit courses because completion and grades impact both high school and college transcripts.

What happens if my student isn't successful? If a student fails to earn credit for any course or examination for which the department has paid a reimbursement, the student must pay for and successfully earn credit for one such course or examination.

How does earning college credit in high school affect postsecondary school? A student who participates in dual enrollment and AP courses while in high school is able to earn college credits. Grades earned in these courses are permanently posted to college transcripts, so the student should be considerate of the commitment needed for success in the course. A student who earns college credits in high school will still be considered a first-time college student on college admission applications and will be eligible for the first-year scholarships reserved for new incoming freshmen.